

EDITOR'S REPORT FOR VOLUME 64

We are pleased to report the publication of volume 64 of *Madroño* by the California Botanical Society (CBS) in 2017.

Madroño editorship is transitioning from Matt Ritter (Cal Poly San Luis Obispo) to Justen Whittall (Santa Clara University). We have enjoyed co-editing the last several issues in this volume during the transition. Matt has been the editor for the past five years bringing the journal back on schedule while maintaining a high quality publication. His drive to keep *Madroño* at the forefront of natural history publications while arriving in your mailbox on time is inspiring.

Madroño remains on schedule with an average time between initial submission and publication of about 8 mo. We believe that *Madroño* is still the best outlet for western botanists to publish their discoveries in a timely fashion, while reaching an interested and relevant audience. We hope to grow the

Madroño readership in the upcoming year with increased online accessibility.

The efforts of numerous individuals are critical to the continued quality of the journal. Thank you as well to the Noteworthy Collections editor, David Keil. Steve Timbrook has long provided the Volume Index and Table of Contents for the journal and we thank him for his efforts. We thank Lynn Yamashita for providing administrative support at critical times. We are also grateful to our reviewers who regularly provide insightful reviews bettering our publication.

Editing *Madroño* is a joy. Being on the forefront of western botany and working with so many wonderful botanists as authors and reviewers is a pleasure. Botany is alive and well in Western North America! The evidence is in *Madroño*. Please continue to submit your work to the journal and have a great year.

Matt Ritter & Justen Whittall

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